

BOOK REVIEW

NAN K. CHASE. 2010. **Eat Your Yard: Edible Trees, Shrubs, Vines, Herbs and Flowers for Your Landscape.** (ISBN 13: 978-1-4236-0384-9; ISBN 10: 1-4236-0384-2, pbk.). Gibbs Smith, P.O. Box 667, Layton, Utah 84041, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.gibbs-smith.com, 800-835-4993). \$19.99, color throughout, 160 pp., 7.5" x 9.75".

Growing up during WWII meant most of our vegetables came from my father's Victory Garden. Endive, mint and parsley were grown in our yard near the fig tree. *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*, by Euell Gibbons, was one of my favorite books back in the early 1970s. Later, when I had grandchildren, they learned what plants they *could* eat rather than the ones they *should not* eat. They tasted the thyme, rosemary, garlic chives, etc. Every August was kept free for "putting up" the peaches. The pantry and freezer were full of preserves, chutney and pies from our delicious freestone peach tree. When the peach tree died, it was replaced with a pomegranate, which has flowered but not yet produced fruit.

Eat Your Yard is right up my alley ... planting for food and beauty. Ms. Chase has chapters on edible trees, fruits, nuts, herbs and flowers. She includes histories of various plants; growing tips (locations and soil and sun conditions); recipes for using the harvests; and information for freezing, canning, dehydrating, pressing and fermenting.

Beautiful photographs illustrate how the trees and plants can be used to beautify the landscape around your home. Ms. Chase's choice of trees and plants takes into consideration their year round attractiveness in your landscape.

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